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Youngmaster (Tyler's Brother-Random Ellie) wins the Summer Sophomore Pacing Series Final in 2:00.2 driven by Dana Childs Jr. for owner Andrew Card of Billerica.

## Youngmaster Upsets In Summer Sophomore Final By K.C. JOHNSON

Youngmaster (Tyler's Brother—Random Ellie) stormed from off the pace to capture the \$5000 final of the Summer Sophomore Series, held at the Downs on Friday, June 29. Handled by Dave Ingraham for owner Andrew Card, Youngmaster overcame the eight hole en route to his first victory of the year.

The series, which had been expected by most to be a showcase for the talents of Casino Brat, produced more than its share of surprises. Casino Brat, in fact, did not register a series victory, with his best performance being a fifth-place finish in the opening leg. Instead, the preliminary events were dominated by Le Grande Etoile (It's Fritz—Petite Etoile) and Young Satellite (Money Supply—Starlene Hanover), both of whom won two legs. Le Grande Etoile, driven by Marc Mosher for

trainer Nate Churchill, used his front speed to take start-to-finish scores in the series' first and fourth legs, winning the final preliminary event in a lifetime best of 2:01.2. Young Satellite, who shipped in from Vernon for the event for trainer/driver Lloyd Pickett, III,

stunned the field at 27-to-1 while taking the second leg in 2:00.3, and then came right back to win the next week in 2:02.2. Young Satellite, who missed Le Grande Etoile by a neck in the final preliminary leg, was sent off the favorite from the two hole in the final at 8-to-

5. The Card-owned entry of Youngmaster and Black Walnut King went off at 3-to-1; Mass Millions, who left from the rail after a series of tough trips, was 7-to-2; Le Grande Etoile was 4-to-1 from the four hole.

As expected, it was Le Grande Etoile who hustled to the lead, pacing the opening panel in 29.3 seconds; Mass Millions had enough early speed to come out close—though challenged by Keystone Sheen. Young Satellite was right there and Ingraham alertly moved Youngmaster out from the eight hole to take fifth place into the paddock turn, whereupon he launched his bid and forced Keystone Sheen off the rail. The half-mile was 1:00.1, and Ingraham quickly shifted Youngmaster out three-wide to challenge Le Grande Etoile, with Keystone Sheen rapidly fading.

Le Grande Etoile and Youngmaster accelerated away from the field, but Mosher's entry was no match for Youngmaster who flashed into command past three-quarters in 1:30 flat. After braving the 29.4 panel on the

wide, Youngmaster shifted to the rail and pulled clear, opening a five-lengths margin around the final turn. Mass Millions squeezed off the rail to challenge Le Grande Etoile for second, with Young Satellite, who had seen quite a bit of traffic throughout the mile, coming on three-wide to claim fourth. In deep stretch, however, the outcome was never in doubt, as Youngmaster coasted to a six-lengths' victory over Mass Millions and Young Satellite; Le Grande Etoile faded to fourth. The remainder of the field included Strandvagen, Casino Brat, Black Walnut King, and Keystone Sheen. The mile was paced in 2:00.2, and the victory was one of four on the card for Dave Ingraham, who pushed his season-leading total to 123 victories through Saturday, June 30.

## Important Dates & Upcoming Events

July 11 — Maine Breeders Stakes - 3 yr. old trotters - Bangor Raceway.  
July 12 — Maine Harness Racing Industry Study Commission - Public Hearing - Bass Park, Bangor, Me.  
July 13 — \$1,000,000. Meadowlands Pace, N.J.  
July 13 — Maine Breeders Stakes - 3 yr old filly pacers - Bangor Raceway.  
July 14 — Maine Breeders Stakes - 3 yr old colt pacers - Bangor Raceway.  
July 15 — The \$40,00. Legislator Trot - Scarborough Downs.  
July 18 — Maine Youth Camp - Bangor Raceway 3:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.  
July 18 — Maine Breeders Stakes - 2 yr old trotters and 2 yr old colt pacers - Bangor Raceway.  
July 20 — Maine Breeders Stakes - 2 & 3 yr old filly pacers - Bangor Raceway.  
July 21 — Maine Breeders Stakes - 3 yr old trotters & 3 yr old colt pacers - Bangor.

July 22 — Final "Bangor's Best" Pacing Series \$4,000 added - Bangor Raceway.  
July 24 — Maine Youth Camp - Scarborough Downs 3:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.  
July 24 — Maine Breeders Stakes - 2 yr old trotters & 2 yr old colt pacers - Scarborough  
July 25 — Maine Breeders Stakes - 3 yr old trotters and 2 yr old filly pacers - Scarborough Downs.  
July 25 — Bangor Fair opens for three days of racing.  
July 26 — Maine Harness Racing Study Committee - Work Session - Augusta, Me.  
July 26 — Maine Breeders Stakes - 3 yr old filly pace - Scarborough Downs.  
July 27 — Maine Breeders Stakes - 3 yr old colt pace - Scarborough Downs.  
July 28 — Skowhegan Extended opens thru August 4th.  
July 28 — Portland Press Herald Parade Maine Track '90 float - Portland.  
July 30 — M.S.B.O.A. picnic - Lindon Farm - Hollis, Me. 4:00 P.M.



## M.S.B.O.A. Summer Meeting & Picnic Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup> Lindon Farm Rt. 35, Hollis, Me.

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I read Audrey Gerry's letter in your June edition and found it to be well written by a knowledgeable person.

I am extremely in favor of the off track betting she suggests, as there are many people in Maine who have to drive 100 to 200 miles to wager on a horse when they can walk to their corner grocery and buy at least two types of lottery tickets. This has to be taken advantage of, as a goodly portion of the money that used to go to tracks now goes to lotteries. (I recall having a letter in favor of this in one of your editions a year ago.)

I do not favor Ms. Gerry's idea of one Commissioner with an Advisory Council. This would designate too much power to one area. Some people figure the North Boundry of Maine is Augusta. Likewise the advisory council would be weak. The five man commission should remain intact, with one being chosen from each of the following areas ... Portland, Lewiston, Augusta, Bangor, and Presque Isle.

Sincerely,  
Rufus A. Canda  
Blue Hill Maine, 04614

### NOTICE!

Watch for the upcoming auction/dispersal at Gallahue Farm in Hermon, Maine later this month.

## Harness Horse Youth Foundation

CHARLOTTE MAURER  
Special Projects Office

Fifteen outstanding young people, whose dedication to the standardbred horse and harness racing is matched only by their native talents and will to succeed, have been awarded college scholarship grants for the 1990-91 school year by the Harness Horse Youth Foundation.

Top winner is Susan Looney of Freehold, N.J., a 22-year-old who quit school at the age of 16 in order to pursue a career as a professional harness horse driver. At the age of 20 Susan was involved in a racing accident at The Meadowlands and decided "to retire early and further my education. Her Critchfield-Oviatt Memorial Award in the amount of \$2,500 will enable her to attend Monmouth College to study business and marketing. Susan says, "After graduation I plan on using my marketing skills to get more people to invest in the business."

Two new 1990 scholarships, designated the Rambling Willie Memorial Awards, are funded by the Christian Harness Horsemen's Association and administered by HHYF.

Other scholarships supported by HHYF are the Dr. R. E. Mairs Memorial Awards, granted annually since 1988 to students in the Horse Production and Management program at Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster.

The Youth Foundation's second highest award, the \$1,500 Francis McKinzie Memorial, goes to Anthony Petrowitz of Mauston, Wisconsin. Tony, a sophomore pre-veterinary student at the University of Wisconsin, owns, trains, and drives harness horses for himself and his father, and has been catchdriving for other owners since 1984.

In addition to becoming an equine veterinarian, Tony plans to own and operate a stable of harness horses at a major racetrack in Ohio or the Chicago area.

Youth Foundation merit awards of \$1,000 go to 3 students:

Michael Binette, of Westbrook, Maine. A freshman pre-vet student at the University of New Hampshire, Michael has been working for Maine's Race Me Stables, both at the farm and the racetrack, since he was 11 years old.

Sean Branagan, son of Marilyn and Bill Branagan who own Cead Mile Failte breeding farm in Maine, will enter the University of Maine at Orono this fall. He too hopes to become an equine veterinarian.

The Dr. R. E. Mairs Memorial Scholarships at OSU/ATI are named in honor of one of the founders of the Harness Horse Youth Foundation and are supported largely by the Foundation. This year two awards were made, to Amy Bendele of Ft. Jennings, Ohio, whose goal is to manage a successful breeding farm, and to Geneen Bischoff of Richmond, Maine, who plans to breed and train her own line of trotters.

Altogether, the Harness Horse Youth Foundation is distributing \$13,000 in scholarship money in 1990, plus \$1,000 contributed by the Christian Harness Horsemen's Association. Fifty-seven applications for financial aid were received from throughout the U.S. and Canada, making the scholarship committee's task of choosing only 15 winners extremely difficult.

Funds for scholarships are provided by memorial bequests from the estates of Robert E. Critchfield, Richard Oviatt, and Francis McKinzie, as well as by money raised during HHYF's annual auction of stallion services.

## Obituary

JOSEPH P. MORRIS

GRAY — Joseph P. Morris, 56, of 44 Lewiston Road, died June 18th at a Portland hospital.

He was born in Portland, a son of John and Mary McDermott Morris and graduated from Cheverus High School, Portland.

He served in the Army from 1954 to 1956.

Mr. Morris lived in Falmouth prior to moving here 10 years ago.

He was employed by the town of Falmouth's Public Works Department for several years.

He was a communicant of St. Gregory's Church, and a member of the American Legion and the Eagles.

Surviving are his wife, Peggy Norton Morris; a son, Joseph Jr. of Hinsdale, N.H. (former Gen. Mgr. of Foxboro Raceway); three daughters, Julia Morris of Yarmouth, Barbara Morris of Keystone, Colo., and Ina M. Morris of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a brother, Edward; four sisters, Mary Homan and Josephine Marr, both of Falmouth, Ann Martin of Bangor and Barbara Riley of Plattsburgh, N.Y.; and two grandchildren.





Congratulations to Don Richards on 3500 win, June 27th at Scarborough Downs.

## Attention Horsemen and Breeders:

Please return the 1990 Maine Equine Survey promptly as this will help to provide information on the economic importance of the industry in Maine. Any comments or ideas will be welcomed. Send by Oct. 1, to: Sara Brusila Research Office, Maine Department of Agriculture, Food & Rural Resources, State House Station #28, Augusta, Me. 04333

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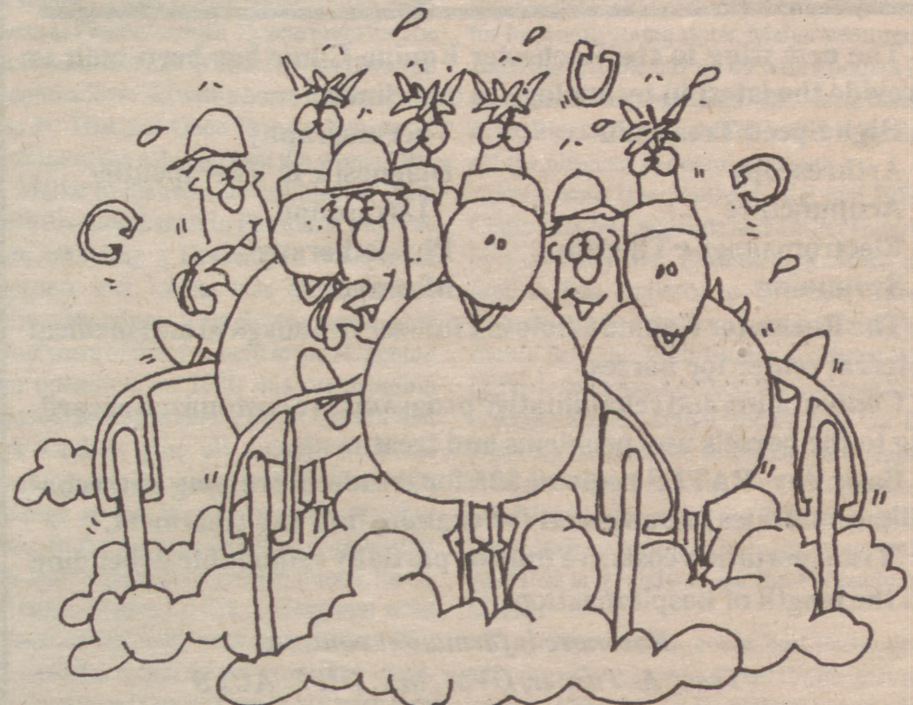
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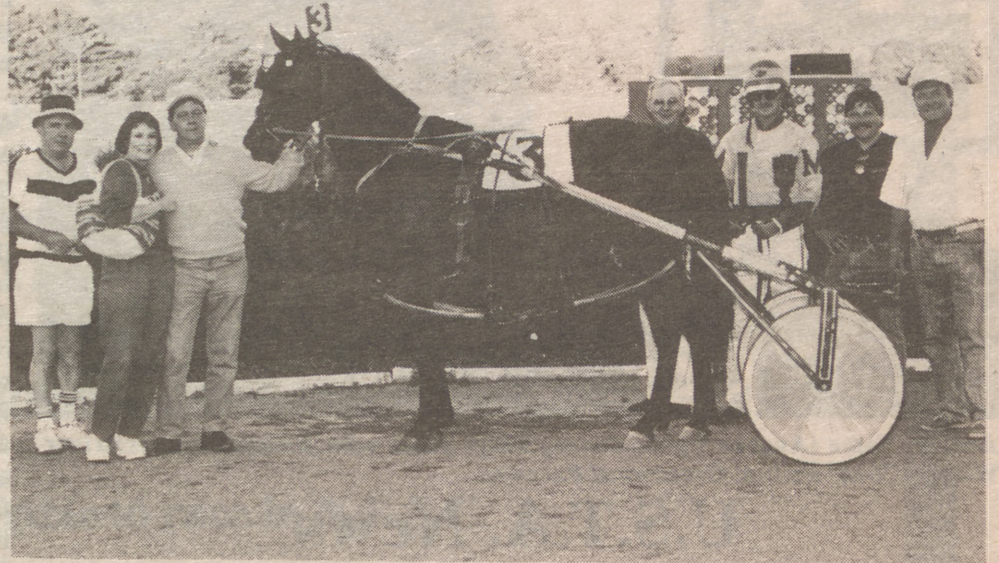
## Harness Task Force Meets

The Commission to study the Maine Harness Racing Industry met at the Scarborough Library on June 26th. This governor-appointed Legislative Task Force will consider all information presented between now and September before making recommendations to the Legislature this fall.

Committee members are: Chairperson, Senator Bonnie Titcomb; Senator Don Twitchell, Rep. John Aliverti, Rep. Harold

Macomber, Rep. Paul Parent, plus Ival Cianchette of the Maine Breeders, Maitland Richardson of the Maine Fairs, Joan Susi representing the general public, Sheridan Smith and Glenn Deletetsky representing the M.H.A.A.

Written statements can be sent to: John Knox, State House Station 13, Augusta, Me 04333. Here's your chance, folks! Let your opinions be known.



Down The Pike (On The Road Again-Burning Passion) cut the mile to win in 2:03.4 for trainer/driver Roland Mallar and owner Dr. Germain Binette of Biddeford, Maine.

### MEETING SCHEDULE

June 6	Augusta	3:00 pm
June 26	S. Portland	Public Hearing Tour Scarborough Downs
July 12	Bangor	Public Hearing Tour Bass Park
July 16	Lewiston	Public Hearing Work Session to follow Lewiston Multi-Purpose Center Birch St.
July 26	Augusta	Work Session
Aug. 13	Skowhegan	Review Draft for Public Hearing Tour Fair
Aug. 23	Augusta	Public Hearing on Draft Report Work Session to follow Rm 334 Capital Bldg.
Sept. 13	Norway	Review & Finalize Draft Report in Light of Public Hearing Comments Tour Fair

Meetings will generally start at 1:00.

## Maine Stakes Update



Fulla Peanut (Peanut Gallery-Fulla Ginger) owned by Richard Belisle is a Maine Stakes two year old pacer who finished second in 2:03.4 on July 5th. The filly Barney's Shadow (Barney Blue Chip-Bay State Ginny) won pacing in 2:06.4 cutting the mile for driver-trainer Jim Brown. The fastest qualifier to date is My Bill Troy (My Bill Forwood-Domestic Aide) p. 2:02 for Kevin Switzer.

## A Talented Downeaster-Roland "Polie" Mallar

BY JEAN EMERSON

When we say he's a "Downeaster" we're not kidding. Roland "Polie" Mallar is from Machias, Maine and at 31 years of age he's probably the hottest trainer/driver in the general locale. If you're looking for a harness racing background it's all here. He grew up in the shadow of the Machias Fairground. It was here in the 50's that his grandfather Roland "Polie" McCaleb raced the good pacer Precursor for Whiting farmer, Newell Maker. As a teenager it was fun to learn the racing game at the nearby Maine Fairs. It was also family oriented, his father Donald worked for awhile at Clearview Stable in Winthrop, Me. and cousin, Larry Mallar, went on to become a well-respected race secretary at Roosevelt Raceway. The contacts were there and after graduating from Machias High School in 1979 the young Mallar approached the racing game on the metropolitan level. In 1980 he landed a job with Lou Mettins and was assigned the good Force Major and the fast stallion Icarus Lobell. In the fall of 1981 he was at Pinehurst with 15 yearlings for Joe MacDonald and Jim Webber. Then it was up to Monticello in '82 with a horse for Courtney Foss Jr. That fall Gene Droulet bought 20 yearlings at the sale and sent the young "Polie" Mallar to the recently established Palm Beach Trotting Center in Florida. It was here while attending a Horsemen's Banquet at Pompano, that Mallar was introduced to William Haughton. This chance meeting led to four years of involvement in the Haughton team operation. In 1980 this organization included second trainers Ernie Gaskin and Dick Dudley plus all members of the Haughton family. They trained about 120 yearlings at the Pompano winter training center. In the summer the group would split with Mallar going The Brandywine/Liberty Bell route, Tommy & Cami Haughton went to Yonkers and Billy took to the Grand Circuit with the cream of the crop. The group continued to winter in Florida but with race tracks closing they became more & more squeezed into the metropolitan area. Finally with everyone basing at the Meadowlands,

there was less and less to do, with driving at a minimum.

By the end of 1985 it was time for Mallar to return to home turf. In the summer of '86 he raced horses at Bangor for Cecil Blackwood, Rodney Grady and Cliff Bradbury. This was a far cry from the bright lights, but a learning experience cannot be denied. In the fall Polie based at Cumberland Raceway after purchasing Mr. Dow Jones for long time harness trainer, Howard Small. He also ventured to the Ohio sale and bought a horse for David Fraser ending up with a small stable at Cumberland for the winter.

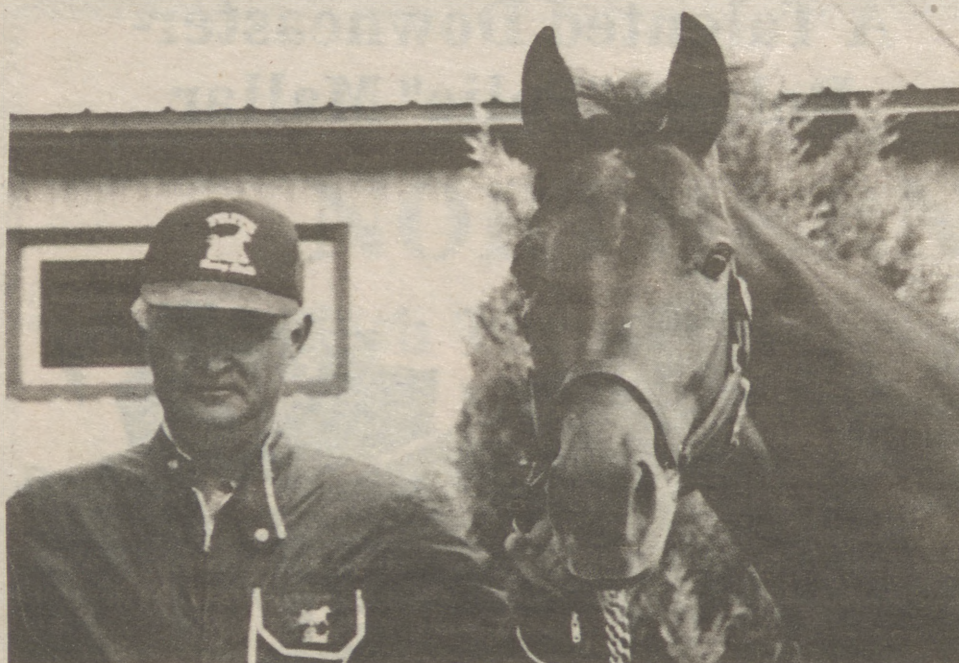
That summer he raced at Scarborough eventually driving Jamie Accent and Von Habet for Dr. Germain Binette.

"This was the start of something good," ...as the song goes. Binette sent Mallar to New York that fall where he purchased Ralphie Boy who was trucked weekly from Maine to race at Yonkers. When this horse was claimed for \$22,000, the good Doctor decided to try his luck with young stock. Mallar ventured to Harrisburg in the fall of '89 with a pocket full of money to buy yearlings. The rest is history as the Binette/Mallar combo to date has pulled off the ultimate in dream schemes.

From these five purchases the two fillies: Celtic Lass by Landslide and Tarbet Hanover by Colt Forty Six have been qualified and sent to Jim Doherty to be Stakes-raced. Doherty assures that they can go enough and should do well. Walt Liquor a colt by Walt Hanover has a mark of 2:06.2 and recent Scarborough winner, Down The Pike by On The Road Again has been in 2:03.4. Both appear to be rounding into form. Another purchase, Landslide Louie a colt by Walton Hanover for Biddeford attorney Craig Rancourt is also qualified and ready to try the Pennsylvania Stakes.

That's five for five, count 'em! Pretty good tally for a Downeaster. I'll bet the doctors and lawyers return to the Harrisburg scene again this fall. The quiet, unassuming Mallar is making it look easy.





Apache Fame (Apache Circle-Dovers Skip) poses with veteran trainer/driver William "Bud" Fritz at Greenwood Raceway.

## U.S.T.A. News

### June Honors Are Accorded Apaches Fame

Columbus, OH (USTA) — Dovers Venture II's Apaches Fame was far from a household name when discussions for top sophomore pacing colts began this past winter. Despite having won ten of 14 starts as a two-year-old, earning over \$148,000, and having set a mark of 1:54.1, the Apache Circle-Dovers Skip colt was not held in the same regard as the likes of Beach Towel, OK Bye, and Til We Meet Again. But as the old saying goes, actions speak louder than words, and Apaches Fame has let his performances on the race-track do his talking. He won six of his first seven starts in 1990, including the \$1,000,000 North America Cup at Greenwood, and has been named Horse of the Month by the United States Trotting Association.

Apaches Fame posted three wins and one second in four starts during the month of June, running his season's earnings to \$654,437, tops among Standardbreds in North America. Apaches Fame, along with unbeaten trotter A Worthy Lad, forms a tough one-two punch for trainer driver William "Bud" Fritz.

Apaches Fame opened June in a \$25,000 elimination for the Burlington Stakes at Greenwood Raceway. He led every step of a 1:54-1/5 mile, easily defeating runner-up Orange Sovereign by four lengths.

The following week, in the \$214,300 Burlington Final, Apaches Fame overcame the ninth and outside post position to post an impressive victory in a lifetime best clocking of 1:52-2/5. In that event, he handed the highly-regarded Jake And Elwood his only defeat of the year, scoring by a length-and-a-half.

June 16 brought on a \$50,750 elimination of the North America Cup at Greenwood, and resulted in Apaches Fame's only loss of the season. He was parked on the outside of the track the entire mile and was also suffered interference at the three-mile marker. Despite the road trouble, he managed to finish second, five lengths behind pace-setting Beach Towel.

In the \$1 million North America Cup Final on June 23, Apaches Fame took over the lead heading to the half-mile marker and held off a fast-closing Mark Johnathan by a head to take the lucrative event in a time of 1:53-4/5. Heavily favored Beach Towel broke stride, tasting defeat for the first time in 1990.

While he may not have drawn early season favoritism for divisional honors, the name of Apache's Fame is now right up there with the rest of 1990's crop of top sophomore pacing colts. A rivalry with Beach Towel brings a summer forecast of "hot" times to come.

## Guess Who!



Guess who.... may never be seen again in a tux. First to name the couple and the occasion wins! Last month (no winners) Rick Kane with Mulligan Stew.

## Downs Simulcast Action Picks Up

By K.C. JOHNSON

Maine fans again this year have been treated to several top notch harness events through the satellite simulcasting program, now in its second Maine year. Courtesy of the satellite dishes run by Massachusetts-based Post Time Productions, New England fans have been treated to the top Stakes and Invitational events of Ontario and the Eastern Seaboard.

Certainly the top simulcast in the year's first six months was the \$1,000,000 North America Cup, beamed from Greenwood Raceway on June 23. The three-year-old Open featured a matchup between Beach Towel (French Chef—Sunburn), winner of the Terrapin and Miller Memorial at Rosecroft, Apache's Fame (Apache Circle—Dover's Skip), winner of the Burlington at Greenwood, and Jake and Elwood (Samadhi—Lil Pod's Fiddle), winner of the Windy City Pace at Maywood. The race did not go as expected, as first Jake and Elwood and then the heavily-favored Beach Towel went off stride as the field rounded the first turn, allowing Bud Fritz and Apache's Fame to seize command and draw clear to a 1:53.4 triumph. The last three winners of the North America Cup, Jate Lobell, Runnymede Lobell, and Goalie Jeff, have all gone on to bigger and better things in the summer and fall campaign; we'll see what is in store for the first ever Ontario-bred to win Ontario's top harness event.

Three-year-olds also were featured in two Stakes simulcasts from The Meadowlands, the \$48,130 Jersey Cup on June 30 and the \$471,970 New Jersey Classic on June 2. In the classic Too Good (Direct Scooter—No Pushover) benefited from a suicidal battle between co-favorites In The Pocket and Till We Meet Again (26.3 to the quarter, 53.4 to the half) before collaring both of them in the stretch for driver Mike LaChance in 1:52 flat. Three weeks later, In The Pocket (Direct Scooter—Black Jade), fresh off a 1:52.2 jaunt in the New Jersey Sires' Stakes Championships, cruised to a seemingly effortless 1:51.2 score, drawing clear of Scoot Outa Reach in early stretch and winning by six lengths. Too Good finished fourth, off stride under the wire.

Aged pacers have been given their share of the action as well. Though the Downs passed on the first leg of the Governor Driscoll Series (Free-For-All early-closer), it did take the series second leg, and Maine racing fans were given a lesson in rating the pace by Mike LaChance. Teaming T.K.'s Skipper, LaChance allowed John Campbell and Tikcet To Heaven by past the quarter in 27.3, but then instantly reclaimed the lead past the half in 56.4. LaChance then brilliantly rated the third quarter in 30 seconds flat, and had more than enough to hold off a late charge by Doug

Brown and Topnotcher, pacing the final quarter in 26.1 en route to a 1:53 flat win.

The Downs also simulcasted several legs of the Graduate Series; two qualifying legs came from Mohawk on Friday, May 4. The first featured a rematch of the major contenders for the 1989 Burlington Stakes, Topnotcher and Fiorello Blue Chip. Last year's result was reversed as Fiorello Blue Chip and Serge Ouellett held off a late charge from Doug Brown and Topnotcher to win in 1:56.2 In the second leg, Brown (Ontario's top teamster) took his revenge by brilliantly teaming an overmatched Dare You To to victory from the rail in 1:56 flat; he held off a stretch drive from his Ontario rival Steve Condren and Barely Visible.

All four of these pacers shipped to The Meadowlands for the \$205,500 final of the Graduate, held on May 19, though none of them would emerge victorious. Maine racing fans agreed with their New Jersey counterparts by sending off Dorunrun Bluegrass (Fortune Ritchie—Delilah Bluegrass) as their favorite, and the Ron Pierce driven entry did not disappoint, pacing start-to-finish on the lead in 1:51.3, at the time the fastest race of the year. T.K.'s Skipper took second while Topnotcher was third.

While many of these pacers undoubtedly are in the back of Downs Racing Secretary's Rick Kane's mind as possible invitees for the 1990 President's Pace, simulcasting also afforded Downs racing fans a preview of the 1990 Legislator Trot, as Maine witnessed Kit Lobell (Speedy Crown—Keystone Pioneer) and Bernt Lindstedt set the world record for aged trotting mares over a one-mile oval with a 1:54.4 score at The Meadowlands on Wednesday, June 27. Finishing second in the race was local favorite Indianapolis, who closed alertly in deep stretch; Legislator starter Kerry's Crown also was featured.

Still on tap as expected simulcasts for 1990 at the Downs are the \$1,000,000 Meadowlands Pace (The Meadowlands, July 13); the \$105,000 Molson series eliminations (Greenwood, July 14); the \$250,000 Molson Series final (Greenwood, July 28); the \$250,000 Oliver Wendell Holmes (The Meadowlands, August 3); the \$600,000 Niatross Final (The Meadowlands, August 3); the \$75,000 US Pacing Championship (The Meadowlands, August 17); the \$275,000 Maple Leaf Trot (Greenwood, August 18); and various Breeders' Crown events in late August and September capped off by the Breeders' Crown finals from Pompano. Don't turn your head from the television—you may be missing a record-setting harness event beamed to Maine via the simulcast.

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William J. Sullivan has accepted the General Managers post at Monticello

## Monticello Raceway

MONTICELLO — Effective June 15 William J. Sullivan will take over as general manager of Monticello Raceway, track chairman of the board, Buddy Berenson announced today. Sullivan succeeds Carolyn T. Derlaga, who is being transferred to Berenson's Hartford (Ct.) Jai Alai.

For the past three years Sullivan has been the general manager at Berenson's greyhound tracks at both Key West, Florida and Belmont, New Hampshire.

Sully, as he likes to be called, has an extensive pari-mutuel background. He started at Seabrook (N.H.) Greyhound Track as a ticket seller in 1973. He also worked at Rockingham

Park where in 1984 he became division head in the mutuel department. Sullivan began his tenure with Berenson in 1987.

Growing up in Nashua, N.H. just 10 miles from Salem, Sully's first introduction to parimutuels was racing at Rockingham Park.

"I used to regularly attend the Rockingham Trots back in the late 1960's," he recalled. "I really love the sport of harness racing and am very pleased to be here in the beautiful Cat-skills."

A graduate of Nashua High School, Sullivan also attended the University of New Hampshire. He is 40 years old, single and will reside in Rock Hill, NY.



Greg Bowden, who has left the Maine scene for Monticello Raceway this season is performing well at the N.Y. track. Shown here with BJ's Return who dead-heated with Ron Coyne and Midnite Millionaire for his 35th driving victory. He is tenth on the list of leading dash winners at present.

## News From Vernon Downs

VERNON — Susan F. Schapiro, Robert W. Jaquint and Robert D. Pietrafesa were re-elected to new three-year terms as directors at the annual shareholders meeting of Mid-State Raceway, Inc., held in the Miracle Mile Room at Vernon Downs on Tuesday, June 26.

Frank O. White, Sr. was re-elected as president and chief executive officer of Mid-State Raceway, Inc. at the Board of Directors meeting, which followed the stockholders session.

Other Mid-State Raceway, Inc. officers re-elected were Jerome M. Wilson, vice-president; Susan F. Schapiro, secretary; Robert W. Jaquint, treasurer, and Jim Moran, assistant secretary.

Frank O. White, Jr. was elevated to the position of vice-president of Mid-State Raceway, Inc. and general manager of Vernon Downs. He has served the central New York harness track as assistant general manager

since January of 1984.

White, 35, began his career at Vernon Downs in the parimutuel department 19 years ago. The Rhode Island-native was appointed assistant mutuel manager in 1979, a year after he graduated from Hartwich College in Oneonta. He was elevated to mutuel manager in 1981 and named director of that department in 1984. The following year, he became a director of Mid State Raceway, Inc.

White has also been employed in a managerial capacity at the Syracuse Mile in recent years, and he has worked as that track's mutuel manager since 1983.

White, his wife, Sally, and two children reside on Brookview Drive in Hamilton.

Other directors of Mid-State Raceway, Inc. include Salvatore Giufre, James E. Raymonda and William D. Kiley, one of the track's seven founders.

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# New Englanders At Saratoga

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Chet Poole, a year round resident of Saratoga, has a stable of ten standardbreds, including Special Candy by Seahawk Hanover.



Rick Adsit and Avon Trumpet a four year old by It's A Fella has won last three out of four races.



Wendy Donaway and K.C. Saberhagen has 8 horses at Saratoga and trains Morning Bye Bye, Barely A Breeze, and Morning Fantasy for Roger Slobody.



Paul Kelly and Cookie Jar by Icarus Lobell, he also trains the legendary M.T. Sullivan 13 yrs. old with seven wins in 1990 at Saratoga.



Dave Marshall prepares for a training trip over the Saratoga half mile oval, he raced formerly at Foxboro Raceway.



Colin Mosher and Cashew Kid, he has nine horses at Saratoga and 14 with son, Craig, at Monticello.



Gary Kamal and Bashful Zipper by Brand New Fella who has been prominent on the Saratoga scene.



Dave Strattan and Ray Rob Ray by Precious Fella, trains 10 for Butch Strong and will be returning to Pompano.



## Hambletonian At The Meadowlands

The August 4th Hambletonian, trotting's richest and most prestigious race, will be more appealing to out of town visitors than ever before, thanks to a full range of daytime activities and reasonable rates at nearby hotels.

Harness Expo, a three day (August 1-3) offering of seminars on the sport along with many commercial exhibits showing an array of products relating to the standardbred will be held at the Sheraton Meadowlands Hotel. More information can be obtained from Cynthia Kohorst, Andry Montgomery Associates, Kaden Tower, 6th floor, 6100 Dutchman's Lane, Louisville, KY 40205; phone (502) 473-1992, Fax (502) 473-1999.

On Wednesday, August 1, The Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey will offer a bus trip from the Meadowlands that will tour prominent New Jersey breeding farms and other sites of interest. The trip, which commences at 8:30 a.m. at the Meadowlands will include a stop at South Wind Farm in Pennington, home of Valley Victory, and Castleton Farm of New Jersey to see Baltic Speed, Incredible Nevele and Troublemaker. Hall of Famer Stanley Dancer, who has trained five Hambletonian winners, will also open up his private training center and be on hand to greet guests.

The trip goes on to Colts Gait Farm, home of Rule The Wind, second in the 1988 Hambletonian where a barbeque lunch will be served. As the bus turns towards the Meadowlands for an approximate 5:00 pm return, there will be drive by visits to broodmare station Boxwood Farm, training centers Showplace and Gaitway Farms, as well as historic Freehold Raceway. The cost is \$35.00 per person which includes lunch. The trip will be limited to 45 and reservations can be made through Pat Salerno at SBOA of New Jersey, PO Box 839, Freehold, NJ 07728, (201) 462-2357 or Fax (201) 409-0741.

The next day, Thursday, August 2, The Trotting Horse Museum offers a full day bus trip with a historic angle.

Once again, buses will leave the Meadowlands at 8:30 am and head north. The first stop

will be historic Sugar Loaf, NY to see the birthplace of the Hambletonian, the horse honored by the big trotting race. There will be some time for shopping in many craft shops of Sugar Loaf before the buses head to Chester, for a quick look at the Hambletonian monument and the site of Good Time Park home of the Hambletonian from 1930 to 1956.

Lunch will be served at a Middletown restaurant before arrival at the Historic Track, scene of a world record by the great Greyhound and the oldest harness track in the United States (since 1838). Tours will be provided at Historic Track, and the adjacent Trotting Horse Museum and Hall of Fame of the Trotter.

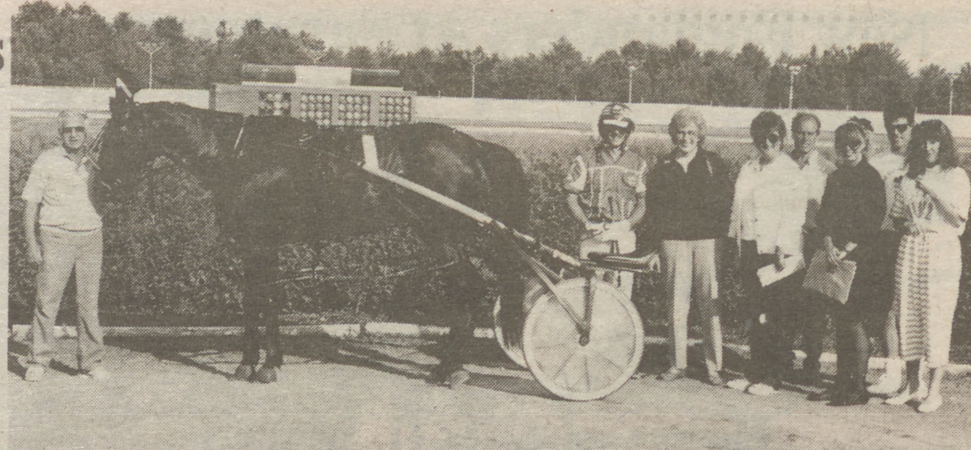
Before heading back to the Meadowlands by approximately 5:00 p.m., the tour will conclude with a visit to Lana Lobell Farm of New York, home to the great trotting stallion Speedy Crown.

The cost of the Goshen area tour is \$30.00 with lunch and all tour fees included. Those interested may sign up with Phil Pines, Trotting Horse Museum, PO Box 590, Goshen, NY 10924; phone (914) 294-6330, Fax (914) 294-3463.

A number of hotels in The Meadowlands area have established special horseman's rates ranging upwards from \$50.00 a night. Many of the hotels also offer shuttle service to the track each night. For a list of hotels that offer these special rates, send a self addressed, stamped envelope to, Publicity Department, Meadowlands Racetrack, East Rutherford, NJ 07073.

On Friday afternoon, August 3, the day of the Hambletonian Oaks, Phil Tully's Garden State Standardbred Sales Company will be offering a select group of trotters for sale in The Meadowland, Paddock. The action starts at noon and catalogs can be obtained by calling or writing: Garden State Standardbred Sales Company, PO Box 1018, Monticello, NY 12701; Phone (914) 796-2420, Fax (914) 796-1652.

The grand finale on Saturday, August 4th will feature the 1990 Hambletonian for 3 year old trotting colts.



**Bret's Caliber (Osborne's Bret-Missie Bat) driven by Dave Ingraham for the Pease's of Scarborough, Me. has the highest total point average leading up to the Maine Championship race at the Downs in September.**

## Maine Championship Pace Action

By K.C. JOHNSON

At least fourteen horses have a good chance to nab a slot in the prestigious Maine State Championship Pace for Open pacers, a \$30,000 event to be held at the Downs on Sunday, September 16. Slots will be determined on the basis of money earned in Open events only, and eight starts in a Downs Open are required to be eligible for the final.

Heading the list right now is Lowell and Pat Pease's Bret's Caliber, a consistent Open pacer for several years at the Downs and runnerup in last year's inaugural Maine Championship Pace. Driven at various stages throughout the year by Bruce Aldrich, Joey Mosher, and Dave Ingraham, Bret's Caliber has won three Open starts through July 1 and finished in the top three on three other occasions, compiling \$4968 in earnings along the way. He also has taken two sub-2:00 victories (1:58.3 and 1:58.4), and has been race timed twice under 1:58. Bret's Caliber was peaking for last year's event, and with his ability to both set the pace and come from behind he should be a factor in this year's as well.

Standing as the top challengers to Bret's Caliber are the two fastest pacers of the meet to date, Kinda Smooth N. and Tahoe Lobell. Kinda Smooth N., a starter in last year's President's Pace, shipped in from Yonkers

Eligibility for the Pace is based on all 1990 starts, so horses who raced earlier in the meet at the Downs have a considerable advantage. One such horse is Cove Road Ike, the year's first sub-2:00 pacer in Maine and the dominant factor in Downs Opens in March and April. Driven by Paul Bresciani for trainer George Ducharme, Cove Road Ike, like Tahoe Lobell and Kinda Smooth N., has Yonkers experience under his belt. He has \$4035 in 1990 Open earnings, all taken before June 1, good enough for third place in the standings behind Bret's Caliber and Don Miguel, another early-season phenom who since has been turned out. Cove Road Ike spent June in the Open series at Bangor, which he has thus far dominated.

Also, eligibility for the Championship does not discriminate between starts in Open Group One, Two, or Three, so theoretically a horse could qualify for the Championship without a start all year in the Group One. While that is unlikely, two horses presently in the top eight in earnings who have barely raced in Group One are Mr. Dow Jones and Munch N Music. Front-running specialist Mr. Dow Jones has not earned anything in group One through July 1 (he had only one start against Group One pacers all year to that date), but he has been a terror against group Two and Three pacers, twice taking sub-

for four Open starts, of which he won three, his last in 1:57.4 for Dave Ingraham. (He was three-for-three with Ingraham aboard.) He since has returned to Yonkers to compete in high conditional events at the New York oval. With Downs wins on the head end, from the pocket, and coming from off the pace, Kinda Smooth N. has established the fact that he can win with any trip. Equally significant, in two years of action at the Downs he has never lost to Tahoe Lobell. Through July 1 he had \$3410 in Open earnings, good enough for sixth place on the list.

Just ahead of him in fifth place (\$3586 in earnings) is Tahoe Lobell, the dominating winner of last year's Maine Championship Pace and the fastest pacer in New England thus far in 1990. Driven by Jim Hardy for owner-trainer Gail Rollins, Tahoe Lobell has recovered from his traditional slow start to re-establish his claim as Maine's top pacer. He came from well back to nab Antoine in the stretch in the meet's fastest mile (1:57.2) on June 17, and then came right back in an effortless start-to-finish 1:57.3 jaunt the next week. He obviously will be tough to beat if he can stay at this level for September, but remaining sharp for the next two months will be his biggest challenge.

2:00 victories (1:59.3 and then 1:58.3) while compiling four wins overall in the Open. Trained and driven by Roland Mallar, Mr. Dow Jones qualified for last year's Championship but drew the seven hole and was never a factor. John Beckwith's Munch N Music has not faced Group One Opens since March and has not yet won an Open race in any Group this year, but the point system favors consistency, and Munch N Music, who has finished on the board seven times this year, fits the bill. He thus far has taken \$3197 in Open earnings, good enough for eighth place in the standings and a spot in the Championship as of now.

With ten starts still to go before Championship Day, these standing could change radically, and very probably they will: there is little chance of a Championship field of Bret's Caliber, Don Miguel, Cove Road Ike, Dirty Shame, Tahoe Lobell, Kinda Smooth N., Mr. Dow Jones, Jockey Shorts, and/or Munch N Music. Horses to watch for include Pat Cash (\$2087 earned, 13th place); King Size Kelley (\$2187 earned, 12th place); To The Fore (\$1895 earned, 16th place), and late-starter Antoine (\$660 earned, 27th place). If this year's race is anything like last year's, it should be worth waiting for.

## Harness Expo '90

If you have a vested interest in the standardbred industry, and hope to be involved soon, or perhaps wish to improve your investment, Harness Expo 90 is the place to be!

This third International Standardbred Exposition and Conference will be held in conjunction with the renowned Hambletonian at The Meadowlands Racetrack in East Rutherford, New Jersey. New Jersey, an ideal location for the show, is the nucleus of U.S.T.A. members. One of four of the U.S.T.A.'s 47,000 members live within a two-hour drive of The Meadowlands Race-track.

Learn, benefit and take advantage of Harness Expo 90's conference program. An advisory committee of leading in industry professionals has designed a program that will expose the most current topics and explore advanced ideas on farm management issues. Much of the subject matter provides you with an educational forum of cost-sav-

ing, innovative ideas to help you gain an edge and win in today's Standardbred industry. The advisory committee has lined up some of the most well-respected professionals in their fields as speakers. They will share their insights and offer practical solutions to your everyday challenges.

The week is packed with industry-related events including Harness Expo's progressive and informative conference program and trade show; an International Select Trotting Sale; racing at The Meadowlands Racetrack and Yonkers Raceway; and, the Hambletonian.

Plan to attend Harness Expo 90 and meet other industry professionals from around the world to compare and assess the latest innovations in the Standardbred marketplace. Take this opportunity to mingle with manufacturers and suppliers and see their products and services first-hand. Here are some of the diverse group of products/services you will see, and perhaps purchase.



# UK Team Perfects Development Of ELISA Tests

Boxes designed to carry caviar around the world are instead carrying revolutionary drug tests for horses.

"The boxes were the right size, but unfortunately they don't come with caviar," jokes Dr. Thomas Tobin, one of three University of Kentucky scientists who has gone a long way toward perfecting the development of ELISA (enzyme linked immunosorbent assay) tests at the Gluck Equine Research Center. The tests detect the probability of the presence of certain drugs in horses.

The methodology is not new — ELISA tests are used to detect AIDS, for example. But the UK team — Tobin, Dr. David Watt, the chairman of the chemistry department, and Dr. Daniel Tai, a pharmacy professor — has, in the past year, perfected ways to make the tests at a rapid pace and with a sensitivity that is better able to detect drugs used in horses when compared with other laboratories around the world.

"Other teams have tried to develop these tests," says Watt, coordinator of the ELISA team. "Several bio-tech industries have put together funding to try to develop these tests. But, I think we've got some of the best tests going."

The ELISA program was begun three years ago at UK at the request of state racing officials. "The UK program is committed to the goal of supporting the Quality Assurance Program of the Association of Racing Commissioners International and, in general, the racing industry," Watt says.

Lyle Robey, chairman of the Kentucky State Racing Commission, applauds the efforts of the UK researchers.

"ELISA tests make it easier to regulate racing," Robey says. "Most horsemen support drug-free racing. The worst thing that could happen is if the public got the perception that horse racing is fixed. Then they'd stop coming to the track and the industry would die."

Richard Sams, director of the Quality Assurance Program for the Association of Racing Commissioners International, agrees.

"Horsemen support good testing," says Sams, whose organization involves commissioners from all types of horse and dog racing. "The vast majority wants drug-free racing."

The ELISA program is now selling tests for about 23 different drug families to racing laboratories around the world. Most have only been on the market since last August.

Sensitivity is important because the tests use horse urine to detect drug use. With our tests you don't have to use much urine states Tobin.

The basic principles behind ELISA tests are fairly simple. The team first makes an antibody to a drug and binds it to a clear plastic well about the size of an aspirin tablet. The antibody fits the drug like a lock fits a key.

A sample of horse urine is then added to the well. If the lock (the antibody) fits the key (the drug), the two will be chemically bonded.

After a color development process, samples that are drug free will be blue in color. Samples that are likely to contain the drug will be clear in color. More sophisticated tests are then required to confirm the absolute, unequivocal presence of the drug.

Conducting the ELISA tests only takes about 90 minutes and no specialized equipment is required.

As their use spreads, ELISA tests are revolutionizing the way horses are tested for drugs in various racing circles, including Thoroughbreds, Standardbreds and Quarter Horses.

Before ELISA, there was no effective or economical means of detecting many of the drugs involved, Tobin says. Many of these drugs are so potent that it only takes a small amount to affect a horse's performance, making detection before ELISA nearly impossible.

"A few unscrupulous horsemen would find out just how good the old tests were and simply reduce the drug dosage enough to avoid detection, but now this is no longer possible," Tobin says.

The drugs now detected through ELISA tests are usually the "hard-core drugs that no racing authority would condone," Tobin says.

The drugs fall into five categories — narcotic analgesics, tranquilizers, local anesthetics, stimulants and depressants.

However, Tobin says the drugs used in horses constantly change, making the continual development of new ELISA tests necessary. The UK team is adding about two tests for different drugs each month. "It can take anywhere from five months to two years to develop an ELISA," Tobin says. "It just depends on how things go."

In the future, Tobin predicts ELISA tests will be a commonplace pre-race activity, with potential applications to human drug detection, as well.

"This is essentially a very simple technology with many potential uses," he says.



AHC Trustee Joe McLoone and his wife, Sheila, converse with John Cashman, another AHC Trustee

## AHC 1990 Convention A Success

Horse people from all over the nation—and a few from other nations—gathered in Washington, D.C. earlier this month to discuss issues of major concern to the industry and to have some fun.

The opening reception on Sunday evening, June 3 started things off by celebrating the Chinese Year of the Horse. Each person registering Sunday had the opportunity to take a guess as to what year it is by the Chinese calendar. The winner won an American Horse Council Horse Industry Directory signed by the Vice President of the United States.

The winning year was 4688 and the lucky winners were American Youth Horse Council officers Ellen Melcher, Julie Johnson and Rosemary Pittman. All three collaborated and came up with the correct answer.

Monday's Convention program was packed with exciting topics covering racing issues such as sports betting; a showing conference; a special symposium on African Horse Sickness; an American Youth Horse Council meeting with a premiere of an Equine Careers Video; a Breed Association Roundtable and a National Horse Show Managers Forum.

Monday night found convention attendees at the historic Union Station for dinner and dancing in the East Hall. An enjoyable evening with lots of great food and friends.

Tuesday morning was highlighted with a general session on the Animal Welfare issue and included an excellent presentation by Pedersen/McGrath Associates Ltd., on handling media when in a crisis situation.

The annual AHC Tuesday Luncheon turned out to be another special event. A terrific laser show was enjoyed by convention attendees and special guests of the American Horse Council. Special highlights included the presentation of two new awards: the Van Ness Award for outstanding service toward the achievement of the goals of a state horse council and the J. W. Galbreath Award, presented by the University of Louisville (see accompanying stories).

Tuesday afternoon it was back to business with programs for owners and breeders, association managers and horse fair managers.

AHC staff wishes to thank all who attended the convention this year and our sponsors who helped to make it a success. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.

## Amateur Driving Alive And Well At Goshen's Historic Track

BY CLARK THOMPSON

On Sunday, July 1, 1990, five races on the twelve dash card at Goshen's Historic Track in New York featured amateur drivers. Interspersed among several "Landmark" stake races for three year old colts, the amateur driving races provided excitement as well as an international flavor for the appreciative audience of racing fans. Perhaps the most exciting race of the day was won by Barbara Galbraith of Rodney Farms driving Cash Merchant, an eight year old son of Nevele Diamond. It took two photos to separate the winner from Conductor Stick (driven by Peter Gerry) and Nettie M. (Paul Spears) in an exciting finish to the spring series of the Billings Classic Amateur Driving Championship. Also on the card were two races sponsored by the North American Amateur Drivers Association featuring a team of German drivers against their U.S. counterparts. The Americans avenged an earlier drubbing in Germany by returning the favor here with two wins. David Kingstrom of Goshen drove H.W. Overdrive to a win in the first race in a time of 2:09.4, while Davis Etkin drove Super Reward to a narrow vic-

tory over Roman Grecco with German driver Gerhard Hansel in the third race. Super Reward trotted his mile in a snappy time of 2:08. The local amateur driving club (Catskill) also challenged drivers from the Metropolitan (New York City) club in a \$1,000 purse race. All races at Goshen are non-betting events. The last amateur race was for drivers 21 years old and younger and was won by the former Maine owned horse, Dominick, wire to wire in 2:08 for driver R. Strong.

Anyone interested in organizing an Amateur Driving Club in Maine can contact me for more information. Amateur driving can help restore the "sport" aspect of harness racing as well as attract new owners and horses to our racetracks. An amateur is defined by the rules of the Maine Harness Racing Commission to be a person who has not accepted money or other compensation for driving race horses during the last 10 years.

Editors note: Readers can contact Clark Thompson in regard to Amateur Harness Racing at 115 Jackson St. Bangor, Me. 04401. Tel. 207-947-5125.



Dr. David Watt, left, heads the UK team that has been highly successful in the development of ELISA tests to detect drugs in horses. The two other key members are Dr. Thomas Tobin, center, and Dr. Daniel Tai.





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1. These events are subject to the rules of the New Hampshire Pari-Mutuel Commission and the United States Trotting Association.
2. The eight highest money winners of the eliminations will be eligible to the \$6000 final. Two also eligibles will be selected from the next highest money winners but will be eligible to start in the \$4000 final. If a starter is scratched from the \$6000 division, the also eligible shall be withdrawn from the second division and any also eligible in the second division shall be moved in his place. In the event of a tie in any of the final events, the starter will be drawn by lot.
3. Each event to be a one mile dash.
4. Declarations shall be made by 9 A.M. Monday, September 10th.
5. No stable entries shall be allowed in the finals. Stable entries are allowed provided there are sufficient divisions to accommodate the entries.
6. Management reserves the right to carry divisions to the next racing day. Management also reserves the right to number the divisions that will be contested Thursday, September 13th.
7. All horses must meet the qualifying standards of the meet.
8. All horses entered must have started at least one time in their last five starts for a claiming price of \$1200 or less. Mares allowed 20%, three and four year olds 50 and 25%. Subject to 72 overnight condition change.
9. Horses that have raced for less than \$1000 claiming price, (mares allowed 20%) may be accepted by the race secretary if in his judgement they are competitive.
10. Horses claimed from this series shall be permitted to start in subsequent dashes of the series for 20% more than price claimed for.
11. Every horses claimed from this series shall race in the interest and account of the owner who declared it in the first event by the title of the claimed horse shall be vested in the successful claimant from the time the word go is given in the first heat or dash (N.H. Rule RA 406-3 Sec. 1).
12. Horses that are also eligible shall be permitted to start in any dash of the series where a horse is scratched. He may be withdrawn from any other dash he may be declared to start.
13. All entries shall be drawn by their preference date and shall be drawn by lot deciding the division to be raced in and the also eligibles.
14. All horses declared to go on September 13th must complete the series unless excused by the Presiding Judge. All entries will be declared back by the Race Secretary for all remaining events.
15. Each division shall race for the advertised purse that date. Purses breakdown 50/25/12/8/5 % all events.
16. When the first leg of the series is preferenced and drawn no other entries may start in any event later in the series.
17. In order to give all eligible horses a start in the series as many divisions as necessary to accommodate them will be scheduled at the advertised purse. No division will be scheduled with less than six starters.
18. In the event that an insufficient number of entries are received to contest this series the management reserves the right to establish another series of races or to race one race for the total amount of \$15,000.



William D. (Buddy) Gilmour and Clinton G. (Clint) Galbraith, two of harness racing's most celebrated horsemen, became the 47th and 48th members of the sport's Hall of Fame when they were enshrined on Sunday, July 1 at the Hall of Fame of the Trotter in Goshen, NY.

Last August both men easily received the 75 percent of votes cast by members of the U.S. Harness Writers Association that is required for election. Galbraith, who 10 years ago campaigned the outstanding pacer Niatross, was named on 115 of 129 USHWA ballots (89.1 percent). Gilmour, fourth on the all-time list with more than 5,300 wins, received 111 votes (86 percent).

"It's a great feeling knowing you're going into the Hall of Fame and it certainly is the highlight of my career," Gilmour said. "It's something you dream about, like a kid hockey or baseball player wishing to become a pro so he someday can be in the Hall of Fame."

Said Galbraith: "You work for something like this all your life and it's fortunate that it's happening to me. It's a great honor."

Both inductees grew up with harness racing on family farms in Canada, and later honed their skills in the U.S. on the Buffalo Batavia (NY) circuit.

Gilmour, 57, learned under legendary Hall of Famer Clint Hodgins as a teenager in the late 1940s, went out on his own in western New York in 1952, and earned national recognition in 1957 and 1958 by finishing second both years to the late Hall of Famer Billy Haughton in season wins. He captured his only North American driving title in 1959 (165 wins), and finished second two more times to Hall of Famers Del Insko (1960) and Herve Fillion (1971). One of the sport's winningest drivers, today he ranks sixth in money earnings with over \$43 million.

Galbraith, 52, first drove horses for his father in Ontario. Leaving Canada for the U.S. in 1957, he settled in on the Buffalo-Batavia circuit and has remained there ever since to run his summer operation. Galbraith winters his horses in Orlando, FL., and spends the rest of the year at Rodney Farms, a standardbred breeding farm owned and operated by his wife, Barbara, in Scottsville, NY.

What Gilmour and Galbraith have most in common is a connection with great horses.

Galbraith trained, drove and was part-owner of Niatross, considered by many to be the greatest horse in harness racing history. Niatross did not lose a race in 13 starts as a 2-

year-old (\$604,900) en route to Harness Horse of the Year honors in 1979. He captured top honors again as a 3-year-old after sweeping all three Triple Crown races and winning 24 of 26 starts for \$1,414,313.

"Niatross will always be the greatest horse who ever lived to me," Galbraith said. "His only losses were at Saratoga when he slipped and fell over the hub rail, and in the Meadowlands pace eliminations when he had to rally to finish fourth to qualify after hitting his hocks on the sulky shaft and breaking stride. I've always considered that losing effort the best he ever paced."

Galbraith, whose career figures (2,322 wins and \$15 million) pale in comparison to Gilmour's mostly because he opted to drive only his own stock, also developed, trained and drove two-time Breeders Crown champion Call For Rain, the 1988 Aged Pacer of the Year.

Gilmour has handled some of the sport's all-time greats, including On The Road Again (\$2,819,102) and the two winningest mares ever, Follow My Star (\$1,537,503) and Armbr Feather (\$1,454,927).

"On The Road Again was the greatest horse I've ever drive," said Gilmour. "He never missed a race. He showed up at every track and won even when he wasn't feeling well. I just wish I would've tried for a record with him, but I always tried to save him for the next race."

On July 1 the Hall of Fame also inducted two veteran racing writers into the Writers' Corner: Al DeSantis, a columnist for the Times Herald Record in Middletown, NY, and Lou Miller, formerly with the New York World Telegram and Sun, and now employed by the New York City Off-Track Betting Corporation. DeSantis, who began his career with the Schenectady Union at age 14, has covered Saratoga Harness Track since its inaugural in 1941. Miller, in addition to writing about the sports, also is known for establishing the International School for Harness Racing.

The 1989 John Hervey Awards were announced and Maryjean Wall of the Lexington Herald-Leader took top honors in the Newspaper Category for her Kentucky Futurity profile on trainer Tom Haughton and Peace Corps. Maryjean won her first Hervey Award in 1974 while with the Herald-Leader. The Hervey Awards are co-sponsored by the U.S. Harness Writers Association and the U.S. Trotting Association.



Teamed by trainer/driver Eldon Harner the N.J. Sire Stakes finalist, Token Gesture p. 1:54 poses in the Meadowlands winners circle. Director Bruce Stearns presents the trophy to owners H. Weissblatt, D. Jones, M. Greenberg and R. Herman. (Herman presently Judge at Scarborough Downs also owned Steve Lobell the Hambletonian winner in 1976).

## Harness Profile: Eldon Harner

BY BOB LOWELL

Eight years ago, Richard Herman, now Scarborough's presiding judge, witnessed Eldon Harner's victory with Fortune Teller in the \$2,000,000. Woodrow Wilson at the Meadowlands.

Herman received an invitation by Mrs. Harner to join the winner's circle party and he had the opportunity to extend his congratulations to Harner for a great drive. Herman recalls that Harner merely and humbly without taking any glory for himself replied, "The colt went a good trip."

The modest Harner, who will be fifty-seven on July 20th, is one of the most widely respected trainer-drivers in racing today. Herman describes Harner saying, "He's not flashy," and praised his horsemanship skills.

While unassuming, Harner has long been associated with top Grand Circuit talent. Born in Bloomsburg, Pa., Harner is the son of the great horseman, Levin Harner, who was named to the harness racing Hall-Of-Fame in 1985. The elder Harner last drove in 1988. With grandson Steve Harner driving, David Carr of the U.S.T.A. tells the Northeast Harness News that at one time three generations of Harners were actively driving in races.

Levi developed a proverbial host of top flight race horses of which one of the most memorable was Kat Byrd who was an outstanding three year old in 1969.

This year's current Harner sensation is the three year old pacing filly Token Gesture. The progeny of Direct Scooter, in ten starts as of the first of July has four wins, two seconds and two thirds with earnings of

\$153,774. She is owned by Weissblatt, Jones, Greenberg, and Herman.

The filly exploded onto the national scene when Harner put a 1:54 record on the filly in winning the \$100,000 New Jersey Sires Stakes laurels at the Meadowlands last month.

Also in June, the filly scored a 1:55.1 over the Andrel-sired filly Joy.

In the \$175,000 Miss New Jersey, the talented filly tallied a second in 1:53.4, just losing to Joy who sat in the garden spot behind Harner's filly.

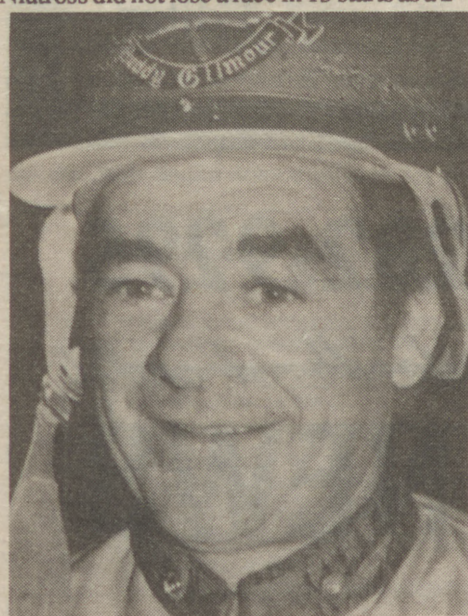
More recently in the Turtle Dove at Rosecroft, Token Gesture was beaten by only three quarters of a length according to Carr, checking the U.S.T.A.'s computer, after leading most of the way in 1:54.3.

Harner has a penchant for handling top fillies. In 1985, he won the Tarport Hap in 1:55 at The Meadowlands with Enroute, and last season he captured the Lady Suffolk with three year old filly trotter Clarisse at Yonkers.

Some of his other classic winners include the \$500,000 Sheppard at Yonkers with Fortune Teller and The Oliver Wendall Holmes with the same horse.

This season, he also has the \$176,000 winner Annabelle Road in the three year old trotting filly ranks and a Meadow Road freshman filly, Armbr Junction, who qualified in Vernon in 2:01.3.

Harner who makes his home in Hollywood, Florida, has driven 1620 career wins and totaled over \$10,000,000 in purses. The bottom-line is that Harner has unostentatiously, and quietly plied his immense talents and climbed to the pinnacle in his profession.



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# NORTHEAST HARNESS NEWS



# "Ten Years Ago" ... In 1980 Scarborough Downs Is Alive With Action!

BY LLOYD F. JOHNSON

With a break in the weather, and some fantastic harness racing action, the young Scarborough Downs season has blossomed into a "record-breaking" season to date. The latest figures, through the first 24-programs indicate a total Mutuel Handle of \$2,734,562 for a nightly average of \$113,990. When matched against last seasons totals of \$2,402,910 and \$100,121 in the same categories, it is safe to assume that the sport of harness racing and the venerable Scarborough Downs plant are in for a very successful 1980-stand.

The cause for enthusiasm is furthered when we consider that this record-breaking pace has been established while racing through the "down days of May," a period when many of the experts predicted that the sport might not survive at any track, let alone the Downs!

For those fans who are interested in figures, the total handle break down to \$1,243,232 in the traditional Win, Place, and Show pools, (45.7%), \$347,916 in the Daily Doubles (12.7%), \$315,974 in the Quinela's (11.5%), \$730,098 in the Exactas (26.6%), and \$97,342 in the Super Perfecta (3.5%).

With a Promotional budget in excess of \$120,000 aimed at attracting new fans towards the harness racing sport at the Downs, a wide array of "gimmick" attractions have already been staged. Much of the credit for the successful beginning must go to the Downs Director of Promotions, Jane Ricci, who has put together such attractions as the Dash For Cash, \$100-Dollar Bill Giveaways, Horse versus Human Race, Prize Night, and the weekly "free" Mutuel Ticket Giveaways.

The weekly Saturday night Celebrity Series has also been a plus, with such national sports stars as Franco Harris, Ray Hamilton, Dave Cowens, Julius Irving, Bob Stanley, and

Dennis Eckersley highlighting the early season schedule. Yet to come are "The Incredible Hulk," Jim Rice, Carleton Fisk, Carl Yastrzemski, Playboy's Pet of the Year, The patriots Cheerleaders, and John Hannah, among others.

Over the Downs speedy half-mile oval, the top effort to date was T.B.J.'s 2:01.4 trip on the second Saturday of the meeting. Young driver, Todd Johnson, had the Auburn-based speedster in top condition, as he blazed over the four-turns with speed to spare for the impressive victory.

On the trotting gait, Carl Shultze's speedy Summer Duke traveled to a new Track Record, stopping the Teletimer in 2:03, while erasing the former standard of 2:05, which was held by Proud Key. Veteran driver, Don Richards, was in complete control throughout this mile, which found "The Duke" trotting away from the field around the final turn. Summer Duke has since captured two straight Feature Trots at Foxboro Raceway.

In the seasons first Late closing Stakes event, the winner was nine-year-old Justaplain Kelly, with Tom Vanidestine in the bike for owner Bernard Stearns and the Justaplain Farm. The veteran son of Overtrick took advantage of an early speed duel, to edge the heavily favored Taurian in an exciting photo-finish effort.

Scarborough's 1980 season will continue through September 20th, with six programs each week. The Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday sessions get underway at 7:30 P.M., with the big Saturday night cards featuring a 6:30 Post Time. The traditional Sunday afternoon program will find the first race field in behind the mobile starting gate at 1:30 P.M. There will be 15 races every Saturday and Sunday throughout the season.

## 1980 Stakes Preview

BY ANTHONY J. ALIBERTI

The latest crop of Maine colts are approaching the gate for the 1980 Maine Stakes. This is the last year it will carry a cosmopolitan flaire, for beginning with the foals of 1979, yearlings now, eligibility will be limited to Maine sired colts, consequently colts from many familiar Maine mares, but by out of state stallions will be excluded.

As has been the history of the program, there is a continual mix of strengths and problems. Some of this year's three year olds seem to have lost the luster charisma, and magnetism generated a year ago, but the crop of two year olds now emerging, names not yet familiar, promise to take up the slack, and impress.

In the three year old colt division, only 14 pacers remain eligible, of these only 6 have raced, Chapel Time has preserved the role of favorite for no fast horse has emerged to mount a challenge.

In the three year old filly class there are two standards: Romie's Goldie, and the rest. She has already paced miles near 2:01 this year, but continues to have difficulty controlling her temperament, and is prone to making breaks. Ready to take full advantage of any errors, will be Shiloh C. and Every Day Avis, less talented but steady horses.

Switching gait, the Norton trained duo of Star of Lov and peaches Betsy are fully prepared to hold off all comers. No other trotters have yet started, and once away may find it difficult to threaten these now experienced, veteran, confident horses.

The combined division, the one awaiting termination, appears to be the largest with as many as 12 starters in the first week. Of these at least 3 have demonstrated speed enough to challenge Mountain Judy, last years' queen. She recently tested the treacherous waters in New York and came up empty, but may have retained edge enough to hold off horses here. Jo's Best, Unstable Sonny, and Most Happy Sota will insure a strong competitive series of races in this division.

The two year olds come to racing as inexperienced, but energetic colts. As such speed is secondary to manners, desire and potential. Yet several colts have shown sub 2:10 miles, and various classes may outshine their three year old counterparts.

Seven or more Maine-sired colts headed by Lite Me's Boy and Tut's Spirit, the promising Jeherico Road, an the fast but erratic Election Morning, may produce a thrilling competitive class all Summer.

The fillies have been more elusive, with only a few meeting qualifying standards up to this time.

The trotters will chase Hurricane Judi and Otama John, but Ronnie Overlook and mothers may have the credentials to compete.

In the final group of outside bred horses, John Nason has already marked Pine River Fever, a Mountain Skipper filly, and Rob Irving has guided Spud's Shadow impressively at Bangor. He is a full brother to Spud Express. But looking over the remaining eligibles several surprises may be lurking a few weeks away, in this potentially the fastest division.

Developing and racing colts is a necessary segments of the sport. It is through this mechanism that stock can be continually replenished, and raceway stars are produced.

Now racing successful at Scarbrough and Bangor are Chocolate Lil, Dear Roger, Marza, Lollypaloosa, Race Me Dean, Barrister George, all successful stakes graduates. The first few weeks of erratic unpredictable miles, will give way quickly to more polished performances as these colts learn by racing against their peers.

This series offers Maine colts, all of them, an opportunity to race against others in their class, it gives fans from Scarborough to Presque Isle an opportunity to enjoy, evaluate and judge not only the class of 1980, but the program that has developed thus far, and the entire concept of colt racing.

## Business Press Triumphs In Study

"It's probably the biggest upset since Truman beat Dewey," John Emery, president of American Business Press (ABP), says of new research showing the specialized business press as the most useful information source - "even more useful than sales people."

The research, conducted by The Forsyth Group and monitored by Business Publications Audit of Circulation, measured for the first time the relative value of business press advertising as compared to other information sources. The findings showed business titles are the most useful source of data for the

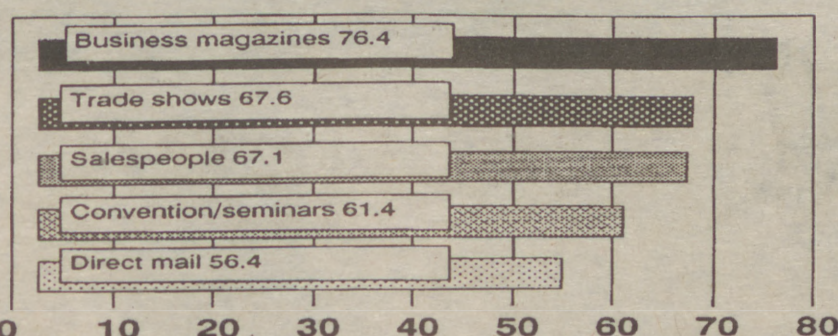
purchase of products and services.

This is a strong story for ABP -- and one that will be heavily publicized. Calling the research, "the most exciting thing to happen since I've been around," Sal Marino, chairman of Penton Publishing, urged publishers attending the recent ABP spring meeting "to throw all their support behind it."

The findings are based on a healthy 62.7 percent response to a mailing of 16,000 questionnaires. Of the eight markets studied, specialized magazines scored as the most useful.

By BARBARA LOVE

Business execs cite magazines as most useful information source



## HARNESS RACING '90 ON ESPN GOES WEEKLY

In a change that can exponentially increase viewership, Harness Racing '90, the sport's national television show, will move to a new time slot and a weekly Format on ESPN starting in July.

Television's biggest sports channel, which blankets the nation, will begin carrying Harness Racing '90 on a regular weekly basis every Tuesday evening at 5:30 eastern time beginning either July 3 or 10.

The change from the present Wednesday bi-weekly 3:30 presentation not only provides a vastly improved air time but also weekly continuity. Directors of Harness Racing Communications, which underwrites the show, voted overwhelmingly for the change this week. Under the new schedule Harness Racing '90 will cover the heart of the harness racing season, extending for another 15 weeks into mid- or late October.

By covering the major stakes season, the show can bring highlights of most of the sport's classic races to ESPN's nationwide

audience, and can return for a 26-week May to October run in the same 5:30 time slot in 1991.

Sean McManus of International Management Group, which produces the show thru its Trans World International broadcasting division, said the change, arranged after months of negotiation with ESPN, "presents a great opportunity to further publicize the sport of harness racing." Bob Rosburg, the show's producer, said the new format will be extremely helpful in providing continuity of coverage of the classic events for 3-year-olds of both gaits, as well as major juvenile races and features for the sport's older horses.

Harold Duris of Pompano Park, president of Harness Racing Communications, said he was elated at the change, "which gives the sport a regular showcase at a convenient permanent time every week. Viewers won't have to keep track of when it's on — they can get it every week at the same time — and in an immensely improved time slot."



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